

Senate Resolution 1152

By: Senators Fort of the 39th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging various measures by Fulton County, DeKalb County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital
2 Authority relating to Grady Memorial Hospital; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Grady Memorial Hospital is almost entirely funded by federal, state, and local
4 government; and

5 WHEREAS, it appears now that management of Grady Memorial Hospital will be turned
6 over to a private, nonprofit corporation with a self-perpetuating board of directors under a
7 long-term lease; and

8 WHEREAS, a private, self-perpetuating board of directors by its nature is accountable only
9 to itself and not to the taxpayers or their elected representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect the financial integrity of Grady Memorial
11 Hospital, ensure the accountability of public funds, and eliminate conflicts of interest, both
12 actual and perceived; and

13 WHEREAS, legislative measures have been introduced in both the Senate and the House of
14 Representatives addressing conflicts of interest by those in a governing role over Grady
15 Memorial Hospital; and

16 WHEREAS, notwithstanding pending legislative measures, the leaders of Fulton County,
17 DeKalb County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority have a responsibility to ensure
18 that the self-perpetuating board of directors of the private, nonprofit corporation formed to
19 manage Grady Memorial Hospital is free from financial conflicts of interest, both actual and
20 perceived.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 urge Fulton County, DeKalb County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority to insist that

1 the initial board of directors appointed to manage Grady Memorial Hospital be free of
2 financial ties to Grady Memorial Hospital or any major vendor or competitor of Grady
3 Memorial Hospital.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge Fulton County, DeKalb
5 County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority to insist that the organizational
6 documents of the private, nonprofit corporation irrevocably reflect requirements that the
7 self-perpetuating board of directors be free of financial ties to Grady Memorial Hospital or
8 any major vendor or competitor of Grady Memorial Hospital.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the members of the Fulton-DeKalb
11 Hospital Authority, Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and DeKalb County Board of
12 Commissioners and to the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County.